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Status		
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.		
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL . 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.		
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
Disposition of Claims		
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are pending in the application.		
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.		
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.		
6) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-20</u> is/are rejected.		
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.		
8) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.		
Application Papers		
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.		
10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) <input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b) <input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner.		
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).		
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).		
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.		
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119		
12) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).		
a) <input type="checkbox"/> All b) <input type="checkbox"/> Some * c) <input type="checkbox"/> None of:		
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.		
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Attachment(s)		
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)		
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6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .		

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacks in view of Leaf.

Jacks discloses a wrist band (21), a timepiece (60).

Jacks does not disclose an exercise routine card .

Leaf discloses exercise routing cards (abstract).

It would have been obvious to use Leaf's exercise routine cards, with Jacks wrist band, as it is well known to have exercise routine's printed on cards, as taught by Leaf, and as Jacks wrist band is designed for carrying cards.

Jacks further discloses said wrist band having means for carrying said timepiece (fig. 1), means for carrying said exercise routine card (37) and means for displaying said exercise routine card (14).

As for claims 3 and 7, Jacks discloses means for carrying said exercise card comprises a pocket affixed to a exterior surface of said wrist band (37), an opening on at least one marginal edge thereof for telescopically receiving said exercise routine card therein (37).

As for claim 9, Leaf does not disclose the routines or displayed on opposite sides of the card, however, it would have been an obvious design choice to have the indicia on both sides of the cards.

Claims 2, 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jack and Leaf as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Rittmann.

Jacks does not disclose an elastic sleeve adapted to be telescopically received over the hand of an user and disposed about the wrist of said user.

Rittmann discloses an elastic sleeve adapted to be telescopically received over the hand of an user and disposed about the wrist of said user (col. 4, lines 21-29).

It would have been obvious to use Rittmann's elastic sleeve with Jacks wrist band, as it is well known to have a telescopic elastic sleeve for the wrist of a user, as taught by Rittmann.

Jacks further discloses said timepiece is removably fixed to an exterior surface of said elastic wrist band (60), means for carrying said timepiece is provided on said exterior surface of said wristband substantially opposite said pocket wherein said means for carrying said exercise card is displayed toward an user of said exercise aid when said user's wrist is in a palm up orientation and said means for carrying said timepiece is displayed toward said user when said user's wrist is oriented palm down (fig. 1), a hook portion of a hook and loop fastener (38).

Claims 8, 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jack and Leaf as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Schreindl.

Jacks does not disclose a transparent covering on the exposed face thereof for viewing

Schreindl discloses a transparent covering on the exposed face thereof for viewing (fig. 6).

It would have been obvious to use Schreindl's transparent window, with Jacks wrist band, as it is well known as taught by Schreindl to have a transparent window on a wrist band, for viewing.

As for the specific printed indicia of the claims, they are all obvious design choices and are within the scope of Leaf et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn Richman whose telephone number is 703 308-3170. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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